

2023 NH Overdose Deaths

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Drug Deaths by Year

Year	Deaths
2011	201
2012	163
2013	198
2014	342
2015	444
2016	486
2017	490
2018	471
2019	415
2020	417
2021	436
2022	486

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Drug Category	Total
Fentanyl alone ¹	106
Fentanyl and methamphetamine ²	26
Fentanyl and cocaine ³	16
Fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine ⁴	5
Fentanyl ± other drugs ⁵	23
Methamphetamine ⁶	3
Cocaine ⁷	6
Methamphetamine and cocaine ⁸	0
Other opioids ± other drugs ⁹	4
Non-opioids ¹⁰	9
Unknown drugs	0
Total confirmed drug deaths	198
Pending Toxicology	90

¹Fentanyl alone, without other drugs

²Fentanyl and methamphetamine with or without other drugs excluding cocaine

³Fentanyl and cocaine with or without other drugs excluding methamphetamine

⁴Fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine with or without other drugs

⁵Fentanyl with or without other drugs excluding methamphetamine and cocaine

⁶Methamphetamine with or without other drugs excluding fentanyl and cocaine

⁷Cocaine with or without other drugs excluding fentanyl and methamphetamine

⁸Methamphetamine and cocaine with or without other drugs excluding fentanyl

⁹Other opioids with or without other drugs excluding fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine

¹⁰Non-opioids excluding fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, and all other opioids

'Drug Category' refers to the drug(s) that caused death, not necessarily all drugs detected by toxicology testing.

'Pending Toxicology' means that the death may be due to drug intoxication based on circumstances, scene investigation and/or autopsy findings but the final determination also depends on the results of toxicology testing. It can take up to 2 to 3 months to finalize the death certificate following a suspected drug intoxication death. This delay reflects the time required for specimen processing, toxicology testing and reporting and interpretation of the report by the pathologist.

Xylazine was detected in 12 fentanyl overdose deaths and considered contributory to death in 2 cases.